

Home Care Quality Authority

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2003-05 Expenditure Authority	4.4	2,207		2,207
Total Maintenance Level	4.0	3,483	1,041	4,524
Difference	(.4)	1,276	1,041	2,317
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(8.0)%	57.8%	100.0%	105.0%
Performance Changes				
Third Party Administrator Reduction		(260)		(260)
Performance Pay		5		5
Nonrepresented Employees Cost of Living Adjustment		21		21
Nonrepresented Employees Health Benefit Change		6		6
Pension Method Change		(14)		(14)
General Inflation		(3)		(3)
Subtotal		(245)		(245)
Total Proposed Budget	4.0	3,238	1,041	4,279
Difference	(.4)	1,031	1,041	2,072
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(8.0)%	46.7%	100.0%	93.9%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Agency Administrative Costs	1.7	1,153		1,153
Implementation of a Referral Registry of Individual Providers of Home Care	2.0	867	1,041	1,908
Serving as the Employer for Collective Bargaining Purposes for Home Care Workers	.4	43		43
Administration of Contract (1777)		1,175		1,175
Total Proposed Budget	4.0	3,238	1,041	4,279

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Third Party Administrator Reduction

This reflects an adjustment in the contract for providing third party administration for the workers compensation program.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Agency Administrative Costs

Agency administrative costs include board member expenses and the salaries/benefits of the executive director and administrative assistant who support the board and implement daily administrative functions, including the duties outlined in RCW 74.39A 220-300.

Implementation of a Referral Registry of Individual Providers of Home Care

The Home Care Quality Authority is required by law to establish a referral registry of individual home care providers. In doing so, it must determine minimum qualifications, recruit providers, and offer training opportunities. It must also develop procedures to remove from the registry any provider who has committed misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his or her duties. Funding is provided to research potential ways to implement a referral registry. The Department of Social and Health Services covers the remaining 50 percent of the funding for this activity with federal Medicaid matching funds.

Serving as the Employer for Collective Bargaining Purposes for Home Care Workers

Established through voter approval in 2001, the Home Care Quality Authority acts as the employer for collective bargaining and quality control purposes for home care workers who provide services for the elderly and people with disabilities. It provides services to 26,000 individual care providers. An interagency agreement with the Department of Social and Health Services covers the other 50 percent of the funding for this activity with federal Medicaid matching funds.

Administration of Contract (1777)

The Home Care Quality Authority is required to implement the requirements of the negotiated contract with the Service Employees International Union. The authority must execute the workers' compensation third party administration of the program and develop the health and welfare trust. In addition, the authority must establish the Training and the Labor Management committees.